

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is not now the policy of the department.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was it at any time the policy?

Mr P. V. Raphael.—It was the policy always to enquire.

Recent revision of the pay of the Typists.

78. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether in the recent revision of pay of the typists those who have put in 25 years of service and more and those who have put in 10 years of service and more have been allowed to draw the same rates of increments ; and if so, to state in what way the order has been beneficial to the former?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—All those who have put in a minimum of 10 years of service as typists will be started on the second stage of the new scale, i. e., Rs. 40—4—60. Those who have put in 25 years of service can now get the benefit of the new grade of Rs. 40—4—60 which, till now, they could not have.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the number of typists who have put in more than 25 years' service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there not only 4?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are not many.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Those who have put in 10 years' service get 40—4—60. Those who have put in 25 years' service get the same grade. So, where is the difference?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The difference is this: if this rule had not been brought those who have put in 25 years' service would also have to remain on the old scale of 25—40. Now they can get their due promotion on the 40—60 grade.

Director of Public Health—Stay at Coonoor—exemption from taking leave or permission.

79. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Health was exempted from taking leave or permission when he was staying at Coonoor last year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Director of Public Health Stay at Coonoor last year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He visited Coonoor.